

**GREATER NEW BEDFORD REGIONAL REFUSE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
DISTRICT MEETING – July 15, 2021**

Minutes

The Greater New Bedford Regional Refuse Management District Committee held a publicly posted meeting on **Wednesday, July 15, 2021, at 8:00 AM** at the Dartmouth Town Hall, Room 315, 400 Slocum Road, Dartmouth, MA.

District Committee Members in attendance: Chairperson, John Beauregard; Daniel Patten, Christine LeBlanc, Ken Blanchard, Michael Gagne.

Also present: Scott Alfonse, Executive Director; Leonor Ferreira, Secretary; and Attorney Matthew J. Thomas, District Counsel (participated remotely).

1. Call to order

Chairperson Beauregard called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

All in attendance stood to salute the flag.

2. Legal Notices

Mr. Beauregard read the notice advising the Committee that the meeting may be recorded by audio and/or video, and noted that the legal notices of the meeting were posted more than 48 hours prior to the meeting.

3. Roll call of members

Chairperson Beauregard, yes
Daniel Patten, yes
Christine LeBlanc, yes
Ken Blanchard, yes
Michael Gagne, yes

4. Approval of minutes

Chairperson Beauregard asked for a motion to approve the minutes of April 28, 2021; May 25, 2021; and June 16, 2021, executive session and open session. Motion made by Mr. Patten, seconded by Mr. Blanchard. Motion passed 5 – 0.

5. Warrant Report and Ratification – Warrant dated June 22, 2021

Chairperson Beauregard asked for a motion to ratify the warrant dated June 22, 2021. Motion made by Mr. Patten, seconded by Mr. Blanchard. Motion passed 5-0.

6. Old Business

a. Solid Waste Planning Services update

Chairperson Beauregard asked for a motion to discuss the solid waste planning services scope and cost estimate. Motion made by Ms. LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. Blanchard.

Chairperson recognized Mr. Alfonse who discussed the memo.

Ms. LeBlanc noted her satisfaction with the outcome of negotiations.

Mr. Beauregard asked if the price was guaranteed. Mr. Alfonse said that it was, based on the existing scope of work.

Mr. Beauregard explained his concern over potential cost increase. Mr. Alfonse said that there is the potential for the consultant to identify out of the scope items and the cost would have to be negotiated.

Ms. LeBlanc recommended delaying the compost evaluation and disaster debris management plan and recommended working with the city and town on a disaster debris management plan. After further discussion Committee members agreed that District should work with the city and the town on a disaster debris plan. The compost evaluation still falls within the scope of the land use plan.

Mr. Patten noted the date of the "Timeline Schedule, Task 7, Long Term Financing Plan", and advancing this task on the schedule so prior to negotiations with vendors for FY 2023. Mr. Alfonse will discuss the request with Geosyntec.

The Committee discussed modified Scope of Services and the updated price (\$348,400).

Mr. Alfonse noted that this was the first time the District has undertaken a comprehensive evaluation of the future of the Refuse District since the 1990s.

The Committee discussed funding the contract through the Future Solid Waste Management Fund.

No further discussion.

Motion to approve the contract as modified for the sum of \$348,400 and that funds be appropriated from the Future Solid Waste Management Trust Fund. Motion made by Mr. Gagne, seconded by Ms. LeBlanc. Motion passed 5 – 0.

7. New Business

a. Director's Report

Chairperson Beauregard asked for a motion to receive Director's Report. Motion made by Ms. LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. Patten.

Mr. Alfonse discussed the memo. He referred to the graph on solid waste and asked members for their input on other information that might be of interest to the Committee.

Committee members noted that the graph and breakdown attached to the report was sufficient. Mr. Gagne said that he would be interested to see what is happening with the contractors on a year to year period (5 five year comparison) graph for the solid waste.

Request for Proposals to Lease 74 Quanapoag Rd.

Mr. Blanchard asked if the lease allowed for periodic inspections. Mr. Alfonse said yes, but with prior notice.

Waste Reduction Update

The Committee recognized the great service that Meg and Marissa do with the recycling program.

Mr. Alfonse noted that the new hire from November 2021 resigned and the District is in the process of hiring a new Equipment Operator.

Mr. Alfonse noted that the City of New Bedford submitted Ms. Kelly Cabral Mosher to fill a current vacancy on the Committee.

Mr. Gagne noted his concerns with possible understaff issues at the transfer station in Dartmouth on Saturdays. He noted some of the issues at the transfer station and asked if Mr. Alfonse if could take a look at Saturday's waste, both from the city and Dartmouth because he would like to make a personal request to the town for additional staff to be added at the transfer station on Saturdays . Mr. Alfonse noted the materials hauled to the landfill from the transfer station. He noted that he and Marissa would reach out to Tim at Dartmouth and that maybe signage would help at the transfer station.

Motion to receive Director's report and place on file made by Mr. Patten, seconded by Ms. LeBlanc. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Mr. Gagne suggested Mr. Alfonse look into obtaining employee health insurance through MIIA. Mr. Alfonse will contact MIIA for a quote.

8. Set date for next meeting.

Next Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.

Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the value of property, and not return to open session.

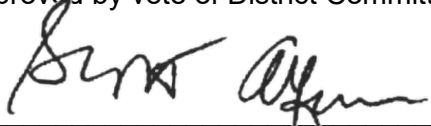
Motion made by Ms. LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. Gagne. Roll call vote: Chairperson Beauregard, yes; Daniel Patten, yes; Christine LeBlanc, yes; Ken Blanchard, yes; Michael Gagne, yes. Motion passed 5-0.

The Committee adjourned to Executive Session at 8:40 a.m.

9. Adjourn (in Executive Session)

Meeting adjourned in Executive Session at 8:51 a.m.

Approved by vote of District Committee on September 29, 2021.



Scott Alfonse, Executive Director

MEMOS

- 6a. Solid Waste Planning Services Update dated 7/9/2021
- 7a. Director's Report dated 7/9/2021